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In re the Application of ISHIZUKA et al.

Application No.: 09/774,178

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STEPPED-UP NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is made hereby for a three-month extension of time for response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The \$1020.00 fee is attached. If this fee is inaccurate, please debit or credit the requisite amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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